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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet (GN Docket No. 09-191) and Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

We write to ask that you prioritize the interests of Native Americans and the small percentage of Americans who are still without access to high-speed Internet service as you consider new regulations related to network neutrality.

As you know well, the Internet has been the source of new economic, educational, and social opportunities for millions of Americans, and has helped support millions of jobs even though this difficult recession. But these benefits have not as yet extended to many Americans on the edges of our economy. Those who remain disconnected from broadband, including Native Americans living on and off tribal lands, are being shut out of an increasingly essential conduit to new opportunities and jobs. We remain that concerned that new regulations that go beyond the effective Four Principles risk delaying new private investments that will be necessary to bring high-speed service to these Americans.

The FCC's Broadband Task Force recently found that \$350 billion will be required to ensure the development of next generation broadband networks. We doubt that Federal dollars beyond the \$7.2 billion in broadband funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will be forthcoming. With this in mind, we urge you to avoid new regulations that could possibly discourage the private investment that will be required to build bring service to more Native Americans and to increase broadband speeds to keep up with emerging Internet technologies.

Your leadership on the issue of broadband is greatly appreciated. We are hopefully that you will keep our views in mind as the FCC moves forward in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lorenzo Isaac, Jr.', is written over the typed name and title.

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